

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RENEWED PETITION**Serial No. 09/993,335****Page 3 of 3****REMARKS**

The Applicant has hereby amended the first paragraph of the specification to contain the reference and indication of relationship required by 37 C.F.R. §120 to properly claim priority to the denoted prior-filed patent applications indicated below.

Specifically, the Application has been amended as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/884,874, filed June 19, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,560,534, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/875,809, filed June 6, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,542,820. Each of the aforementioned patent applications is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety. This application contains subject matter that is related to co-pending U.S. Patent Applications, ~~Application Serial No. 09/884,874, filed June 19, 2001, Application Serial No. 09/875,809, filed June 6, 2001, and Application Serial No. 09/715,860, filed November 17, 2000, each of which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.~~

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Commissioner enter the foregoing amendment and grant the Petition to accept the unintentionally delayed claim to priority under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a) filed herewith.

If there are any unresolved issues in this Application, or in the present Petition and amendment, please telephone the undersigned so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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